



# 2008 March Ag Survey Results

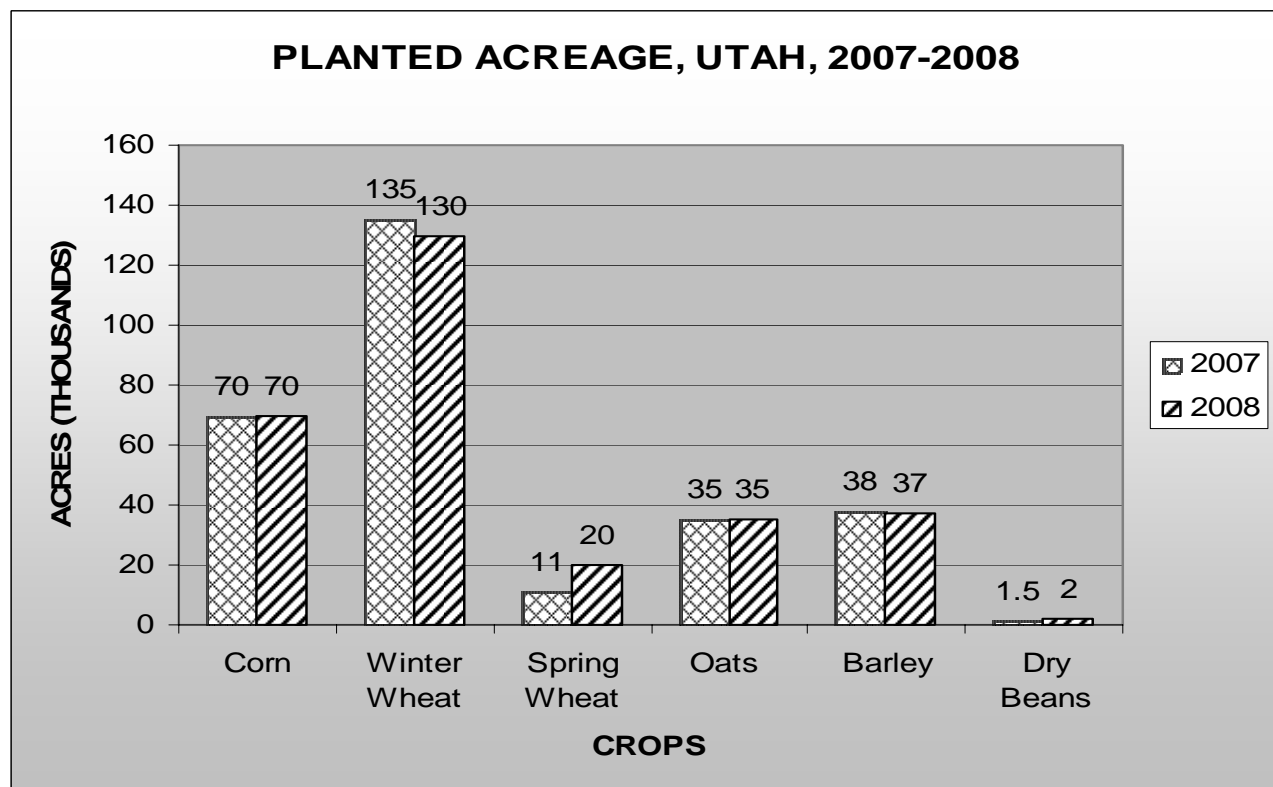
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Thank you for participating in the March Agricultural Survey, a nation wide survey of farmers concerning Prospective Plantings for 2008. These results have been sent to you courtesy of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, Utah Field Office. For further results go to our web site at [WWW.USDA.GOV/NASS/](http://WWW.USDA.GOV/NASS/) or call us at (800) 747-8522.

Utah Winter Wheat planted acres for 2008, at 130,000 acres, was down 4 percent from 2007. Spring wheat planted acres are estimated at 20,000 acres, up 82 percent from the previous year. Utah farmers intend to plant 70,000 acres of corn for all purposes, same as last year. Barley plantings within the state in 2008, at 37,000 acres are down 3 percent from last year. Oat planting intentions by Utah farmers, at 35,000 acres, are unchanged from 2007. Utah Dry Edible Bean planted acres at 2,000 are up 33 percent from 2007. All Hay harvested acres, including alfalfa, grains, wild grass, and other tame hay by Utah farmers totaled 700,000 acres, down 1 percent from last year.



## U.S. Level Planting Intentions

**Corn:** Growers intend to plant 86.0 million acres of corn for all purposes in 2008, down 8 percent from 2007 when corn planted area was the highest since 1944. Expected acreage is down from last year in most States as favorable prices for other crops, high input cost for corn, and crop rotation considerations are motivating some farmers to plant fewer acres to corn. **Oats:** Growers intend to plant an estimated 3.42 million acres, down 9 percent from the 3.76 million acres planted in 2007 and the lowest level on record. Most of the decrease in acreage of oats is expected to be in the Great Plains States. **Barley:** Growers intend to plant 4.15 million acres for 2008, up 3 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the fourth lowest barley planted acreage on record. **Winter Wheat:** The 2008 winter wheat planted area is estimated at 46.8 million acres, up slightly from the Winter Wheat Seedings report. Acreage increases from the previous report were mainly in Soft Red Winter growing States. **Hay:** Producers expect to harvest 60.6 million acres of all hay in 2008, down 2 percent from 2007. Harvested area is expected to decrease from last year throughout most of the Great Plains, Southeast, and Southwest. **Other Spring Wheat:** Growers intend to plant 14.3 million acres this year, up 8 percent from 2007. Of the total, about 13.6 million acres are Hard Red Spring wheat.

## Intermountain State Planting Intentions

Among the intermountain states listed in the table below Utah ranks 4<sup>th</sup> in Spring Wheat, 4<sup>th</sup> in Oats, 5<sup>th</sup> in Winter Wheat and All Hay, and 6<sup>th</sup> in Corn, Barley, and Dry Beans.

**Planted Acreage, Intermountain Region and U.S., 2008**

	Winter Wheat	Spring Wheat	Corn	Oats	Barley	Dry Beans	All Hay <sup>1</sup>
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>	<i>1,000 Acres</i>
Idaho	900	540	300	80	550	80.0	1,500
Wyoming	130	13	90	30	90	25.0	1,150
Colorado	2400	55	1,200	50	75	50.0	1,450
New Mexico	480	-	125	-	-	8.0	310
Arizona	10	-	45	-	40	-	285
Utah	130	20	70	35	37	2.0	700
Nevada	14	5	5	-	3	-	470
Montana	2700	2,450	78	55	860	13.0	2,600
Region Total	6,764	3,083	1,913	250	1,655	178	8,465

<sup>1</sup> Harvested Acres

**Grain Stocks: U.S. March 1, 2007-2008**

	2007	2008	% Change
	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Bushels</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Corn	6,068,250	6,858,895	↑ 13
Barley	117,066,000	104,810,000	↓ 10
Wheat (All)	856,728,000	709,640,000	↓ 17
Oats	71,058,000	79,038,000	↑ 11

Stocks of corn and oats are up on March 1, 2008 compared to a year ago. Wheat and barley are down on March 1, 2008 compared to a year ago.

